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WATER RESOURCES

April 17, 2009


David Tuthill, Director
Idaho Department of Water Resources
P. O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

Dear Mr. Tuthill:

I recognize how busy you are, but I am disappointed that the City of Pocatello has not received a decision on our application to lease water to Idaho Power Company (IPC) during the 2008 water year. We are now beginning a new water year, and the City again intends to apply to the Idaho Department of Water Resources for approval to lease water to IPC without knowing your decision on the 2008 application.

I urge you to issue your written decision on the City's lease application submitted last year. The City needs a written decision on our 2008 lease application in a timely manner in order to be able to appropriately manage our water resources during the 2009 water year. Please look at our request in a progressive manner, because what the City is attempting to do is of greater benefit to everyone than not allowing us to lease the water. We recognize the penalties and are willing to accept them.

Again, I know the issues you are dealing with are difficult. However, our lease application is very important to the City, and I would appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,



Roger W. Chase
Mayor

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